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B. Pocker Sahib Bahadur:—"The answer to clause (c) is, 'The grievances which led to the hunger-strike were enquired into and the Government are satisfied that the prisoner is not entitled under the rules to the concessions claimed by him.' What are the concessions claimed by him to which the Government says he is not entitled?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. Krishnan Nayar:—"He claimed all the concessions of an A class prisoner."

Depressed Classes

Acquisition of a strip of land for the extension of a pathway for the benefit of the Adi-Dravidas of Gopalasamudram.

*431 *Q.*—Mr. M. Devadasan: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Adi-Dravidas living in Panchama School street, Gopalasamudram, Tinnevelly district, applied to the Revenue Divisional Officer, Shermadevi, to the District Labour Officer, and District Collector, Tinnevelly, for the extension of their street to the main road by acquisition of a strip of land measuring 4 cents in S. No. 284/4 of the said village;

(*b*) if so, for how long they have been making that request;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that the Union Board, Gopalasamudram, passed a resolution on 20th January 1928 to the effect that a pathway should be acquired for the Adi-Dravidas;

(*d*) whether the said resolution was communicated to the Revenue Divisional Officer, Shermadevi;

(*e*) what was done thereupon;

(*f*) whether Rs. 39-1-7 and Rs. 2-4-10 were received from the Adi-Dravidas by the Government on 14th April 1920 and 18th October 1921, respectively, towards the acquisition of the land for the extension of the street;

(*g*) whether it is a fact that a further instalment of money was also required to be paid by the Adi-Dravidas in 1929; and

(*h*) why the acquisition has not yet been made?

A.—(*a*) *to* (*h*) The Government have no information but are making enquiries.

Factories

Extension of the provisions of the Indian Factories Act to private workshops.

* 432 *Q.*—Pandit Ganala Ramamurti: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that in view of the recent Labour Commission's enquiry presided over by the Rt. Hon. Mr. Whitley, the Government of India circularized to the local Governments that Labour legislation may be extended to various private workshops where work in wood, ivory, stone, engineering, iron, steel, brass, bell-metal, copper, silver, gold and other metals is being carried on and whether they have called for the opinion of the local Governments as to the advisability of bringing these workshops also under the operation of the

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Indian Factories Act as seasonal factories, e.g., factories using no power but employing substantial number of workers; and

(b) whether any and what steps the Government have taken on the same?

A.—(a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

Mr. V. T. ARASU:—" May I know from the hon. the Home Member whether the answer given to clause (a) is correct? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—" Yes, Sir."

Mr. V. T. ARASU:—" May I know from the hon. the Home Member whether it is not a fact that the Royal Commission on Indian Labour has made definite recommendations suggesting to the local Governments that legislation should be passed on certain lines ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—" The Whitley Commission's report is under the consideration of the Government at present."

Mr. V. T. ARASU:—" I am asking, Sir, whether the Royal Commission has made any recommendations suggesting legislation to be undertaken by local Governments in this matter."

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—" That answer is to the question whether the Government of India circularized to the local Governments."

Representation of the All-India Viswakarman Liberal Federation for official recognition.

* 433 Q.—Pandit GANALA RAMAMURTI: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received any representation that the All-India Viswakarman Liberal Federation may be recognized as the central organization for the promotion of the innate talent and welfare of the employees in the various private workshops where work in wood, ivory, stone, engineering, iron, steel, brass, bell-metal, copper, silver, gold and other metals is being carried on; and

(b) if so, what action they have taken thereon?

A.—(a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

General

Instructions by the Government to the district officers to treat the Congress organizations as enemies of the Government.

* 434 Q.—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state whether before or after the Gandhi-Irwin Pact, the Government issued instructions to any district officers to treat the Congress organizations as enemies of the Government, and if so, when and to whom and why?

A.—No.